## TITLE 465 DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Department of Child Services intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Adds 465 IAC 3 as a new article concerning department administrative reviews and hearings, consisting of Rule 1 (purpose and definitions), Rule 2 (administrative reviews), and Rule 3 (administrative hearings). Provides administrative review procedures for certain determinations concerning (1) substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect; (2) administration of the adoption assistance and guardianship assistance programs; and (3) rates and payments for services to children placed by the department with residential treatment services providers or child placing agencies, consistent with current 465 IAC 2-16 and 465 IAC 2-17. Specifies hearing procedures for persons aggrieved by administrative review decisions, statutory procedures for enforcement of child support obligations for which hearings may be requested, distribution of child support payments received for recipients of temporary assistance to needy families, and denial or revocation of licenses that the department issues to operate foster family homes, child placing agencies, or residential facilities for care and treatment of children. Questions concerning the proposed rule may be addressed to telephone number (317) 233-6547 or sent by e-mail addressed to ljohn.wood@dcs.in.gov. Statutory authority: IC 31-19-26.5-12; IC 31-25-2-18; IC 31-25-4-27; IC 31-33-26-13.

For purposes of IC 4-22-2-28.1, the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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For purposes of <u>IC 4-22-2-28.1</u>, the Small Business Ombudsman designated by <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u> is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in <u>IC 5-28-17-5</u>, specifically <u>IC 5-28-17-5(9)</u>, investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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